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BIBLICAL THEOLOGY 605: THEOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Fall Semester, 1999.

1. Considers representative theological themes and their historical development in the Old Testament, employing methodology of the contemporary Biblical Theology discipline.
2. Considers the inherent co-inherence between Old Testament and New Testament Theology.

TEXTBOOKS, SERMONS, MOVIES:

1. Brevard Childs, *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context*, Fortress Press, 1986.
2. Walter Brueggemann, *Theology of the Old Testament*, Fortress Press, 1997.
3. Richard Bauckham, *God Crucified*, Eerdmans, 1998.
4. N.T.Wright, *The Prodigal Son*. This tape is on the reserve desk in Media Center.
5. Movie: The Miracle Worker: Tuesday, September 14, or Wednesday, September 15 in SH 230 at 7.30 p.m. Bring your spouse and children if you wish to.
6. Custom Course Packet
 - Readings from Stanley Hauerwas: *The Community of Character*, University of Notre Dame, ... Francis Watson *Text and Truth: Redefining Biblical Theology*, Eerdmans, 1997. Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Truth and Method*, Continuum, 1960.

All reading and listening material along with lectures will be potential exam questions.

OPTIONAL READING

A student may increase her/his grade point average by half a grade up to the level of a B+ by the reading of *How To Read A Book* by Mortimer Adler. If a student already has read this book alternative reading can be negotiated.

If a student chooses to seek this grade increase a two-page book report *must be handed in by the end of week 4, by October 1*. This will not be graded, but the lecturer will read it.

EXAMS

1. Wednesday, October 20: 30% of Final Grade
2. Final Exam Week: 40% of Final Grade
3. Assignment: A sermon, Sunday School class or academic paper is to be written. Each student is to decide by October 13 what her/his topic is to be. This topic is to be submitted to the faculty no later than October 13 for approval. If you wish to discuss suggested topics please arrange an appointment with the lecturer. This assignment will be *due no later than Wednesday, December 8*.

CLASS HANDOUTS

Lecture notes will be placed on the Asbury Theological Seminary computer system. They will be outlines only, not detailed notes. You may copy these.

During the semester bibliographical material, and important information periodically will be handed out.